

SITUATION REPORT NO. 11
INCIDENT NO. 2002-009
DATE: August 7, 2002 TIME: 10:30 a.m.

TO: Governor John Hoeven
State Capitol
Bismarck, ND 58505

1. NATURE OF DISASTER: Severe Summer Storms, Flooding - Severe thunderstorms have produced heavy rain, gusty winds, hail and flooding.
2. DEATHS AND INJURIES: As documented previously, two injuries have been reported to the State Emergency Operations Center (EOC).
3. DAMAGES: Pembina County officials reported that, on July 29 and July 30, hail and high winds occurred from an area three miles southeast of Walhalla to east of Hamilton. The storm path was approximately six miles wide and crop damage extended for 30 miles. An estimated 100,000 acres of cropland were damaged. A building under construction east of Hamilton had rafters blown down.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Flash Situation Report indicated thunderstorms on July 31 produced heavy rain, high winds, and golf ball to larger size hail south of Rutland in Sargent County. Approximately 39,000 acres of cropland among 40 farms were affected and up to 30 percent was considered a loss. Several farm homes and service buildings incurred window and siding damage.

On August 1, several homes and vehicles in the Foster County city of Glenfield sustained window damage.

The (USDA) Flash Situation Report for Foster County indicated on August 1 that high winds and hail two miles east of Carrington on N.D. Highway 200 moved to the Griggs County line. The approximate four-mile path of destruction both north and south of Highway 200, completely destroyed 93,000 acres of cropland. An estimated 30-50 percent loss occurred on another 35,000 acres on the fringes of the storm. The 128,000 acres of damage was spread among 218 farms. Approximately 100 farm dwellings and service buildings encountered damage.

On August 7, the level of Devils Lake level measured 1447.16 feet and Stump Lake measured 1413.35 feet.

4. RESOURCES:
 - LOCAL: No change from previous reports.
 - STATE: No change from previous reports.
 - FEDERAL: No change from previous reports.
5. VOLUNTEER ACTIONS: No change from previous reports.

6. MAJOR ACTIONS: On July 24, the Stutsman County Commission issued an emergency declaration due to excessive winds caused by severe thunderstorm activity.

On August 6 in the State Emergency Operations Center, an inspector briefing was held concerning the Preliminary Damage Assessment (PDA) to be conducted in Walsh, Pembina, Traill, Grand Forks, and Stutsman Counties as well as the Three Affiliated Indian Tribes Reservation. Teams comprised of state and federal personnel will meet with local representatives and jointly assess damage to public facilities in order to determine the potential for federal assistance to repair or replace impacted infrastructure. The PDA is expected to take approximately two weeks. Upon completion, a determination will be made regarding a request for a Presidential Disaster.

7. ASSISTANCE NEEDED: No change from previous reports.
8. OUTSIDE HELP ON SCENE: No change from previous reports.
9. OTHER: Appropriate state, local and private entity emergency operations plans and procedures have been implemented.

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